(b) by when the telegraph facilities are likely to be provided in such post offices especially in Jaijon Town of the District; and

(c) by when the telephone facilities are likely to be provided to each Panchayat in that district especially for the town of Jaijon (Tehsil Garshankar)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Out of 17 post offices in Tehsil Garshankar of Hoshiarpur district, 6 post offices do not have the facility of booking telegrams. Rest of the 11 post offices provide booking of telegrams through telephone. Telegraph facilities are provided by the Department of Telecommunications depending upon the need and justification.

(b) Telegraph facilities in a post office is provided when there is a demand and volume of traffic justifies it. As such, no time frame can be given. The facility of booking telegrams on phone is available in Jaijon Town.

(c) Telephone facilities are likely to be provided to each Panchayat village in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab including those of the town of Jaijon (Tehsil Garshankar) by the year 1997.

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36. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunication has decided to purchase Rs. 900 crore worth cables on lease finance and other equipment worth over Rs. 400 crore on deferred payments from telecom majors, as reprted in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 26th January, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) when the tenders for the same were invited and those who have made offers in this regard so far and when and how these bids were finalised;

(d) in what manner this huge amount is going to be spent by DOT; and

(e) what are names of the financial companies both foreign and Indian so far short listed for leasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Department of Telecmmunications (DOT) proposes to obtain PIJF U/G Cable worth Rs. 801 crore (approx) on deferred payment terms. Deferred payment agreements have already been executed for Rs. 62 crore worth of Optical Fibre Cables. It is also proposed to obtain other elecom equipments worth Rs. 526 crores (approx) on lease finance basis.

(b) The details of telecom equipment proposed to be obtained on alternate financing, i.e., leasing or deferred payment terms are placed at the enclosed Statement-I. (See below)

The alternate financing of telecom equipment(s) is being resorted to by this Department, to bridge the short-fall between the availability of budgetary resources and the funds required to meet requirements of expansion of telecom network of DOT.

(c) The offers for alternate financing had been invited by the Department through the tender for financing of telecom projects, which was opened on 15-06-1994. The names of bidders in this tender is as per annexed Statement-II. (See below) The tender was evaluated and the Tender Evaluation Committee submitted its report on 18-07-1994. As per the evaluation criterion listed in the tender, the bids were evaluated based on cost of finance.

(d) The Agreements by this department for various equipments are proposed to be as per the break-up indicated at Annexure-I. Since these Agreements

will involve repayment, by DOT, spread over up to 7 years, the annual repayment amount to be sent by the Department will accordingly be only a portion of the total Agreement amount.

(e) Only Indian financial companies have participated in the financing tender referred to at 'C above. The names Indian financial companies who hav participated in the tender fc financing of telecom projects an have extended their financing offer upt 31-03-1995 is as per enclosed Statemen III.

Statement-I

Leasing/Deferred Payment Financing for **1994-95**

(Rs. Crs.)

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount
1	4480 Kms. of Cable	62
2	85 LCKM PIJF Cable	801
3	855K Lines of Digital –Switching Equipment	366
4	3425 nos. of 2/15 MARR System	87
5	382 nos. of 512 P SBM RAX	73
	TOTAL:	1389

Statemen-II

List of Bidders

Sl.	Name of Bidder
1.	M/s. Ceat Financial Services Ltd.
2.	M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd.
3.	M/s. 20th Century Finance Corporation Ltd.
4.	M/s. IFB Leasing & Finance Ltd.
5.	M/s. Lloyds Finance Ltd.
6.	The State Industrial and Investment Corp'n of Maharashtra Ltd.
7.	M/s. Sundaram Finance Ltd.
8.	M/s. Gujarat State Fin. Services Ltd.
9.	M/s. W. S. Telesystems Ltd.
10.	M/s. Vijaya Bank
11.	M/s. Finolex Cables Ltd.
12.	M/s. Kerala State Electronic Dev. Corp'n. Ltd.
13.	M/s. Ashok Leyland Financ Ltd.
14.	M/s. Industrial Bank of India.
15.	M/s. Sterlite Industries Ltd.
16.	M/s. Gujarat Narmada Valle Fertilizer Co. Ltd.
17.	M/s. Vysya Bank Ltd.
18.	M/s. ITC Class Finance Ltd.
19.	M/s. Kotak Mahindra Fin. Ltd.
20.	M/s. Sanmar Electronics Corpn Ltd.

Sl.	Name of Bidder
21.	M/s. Punjab Communicaitons Ltd.
22.	M/s. Telecom Consultants (I) Ltd.
23.	M/s. Mekaster Investment (P) Ltd.
24.	M/s. National Telecom India Ltd.
25.	M/s. Crompton Greaves Ltd.
26.	M/s. Mekaster Telecom Ltd.
27.	M/s. Magma Leasing Ltd.
28.	M/s. Optel Telecommuniactions Ltd.
29.	M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Ltd.
30.	M/s. Birla Erricsson Optical Ltd.
31.	M/s. Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd.
32.	M/s. Himachal Telematics Ltd.
33.	M/s. SREI International Fin. Ltd.
34.	M/s. Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.
35.	M/s. Punjab Wireless Systems Ltd.
36.	M/s. Apple Industries Ltd.
37.	M/s. Canara Bank.
38.	M/s. Tubemill India Ltd.
39.	M/s. Hindustan Cables Ltd.
40.	M/s. REPL Engineering Ltd.
41.	M/s. Ruchi Soya Ind. Ltd.
42.	M/s. Advanced Radio Masts Ltd.
43.	M/s. United Telecom Ltd.
44.	M/s. Priyaraj Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
45.	M/s. Larsen & Tourbo Ltd.
46.	M/s. Gujarat Lease Financing Ltd.
47.	M/s. Ashok Leylands Fin. Ltd.
48.	M/s. A.T.&T.
49.	M/s. SCICI.
50.	M/s. Alpic Fin. Ltd.
51.	M/s. Dewanchand Ramsaran Industries (P) Ltd.
52.	M/s. Oriental Bank of Commerce.
53.	M/s. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
54.	M/s. SRF Fin. Ltd.
55.	M/s. Hewlett Packard India Ltd.
56.	M/s. Supreme Telecommns. Pvt. Ltd.
57.	M/s. J.K. Credit & Fin. Ltd.
58.	M/s. RPG Telecom Ltd.
59.	M/s. Siemens Ltd.
60.	M/s. Renewable Energy Systems Ltd.
61.	M/s. Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.
62.	M/s. SBI Capital Market Ltd.
63.	M/s. Instrumentation Ltd.
64.	M/s. The Mineral & Metal Trading Corporation.
65.	M/s. Infrastructure Leasing & Finance Services.
66.	M/s. Shyam Telecom. Ltd.
67.	M/s. State Bank of India.
68.	The Industrial Finance Corpn. of India.
69.	M/s. Reliance Capital & Fin. Trust Ltd.

Statement-III

List of Indian Financial Companies which have participated in the Financing tender and W. have extended their offers upto 31-03-1995.

Sl. No.	Name of the Indian Financial Company.
1.	CEAT Financeer. Ltd.
2.	Cholamandlam Investment and Finance Corpn. Ltd.
3.	20th Century Fin. Corpn. Ltd.
4.	State Industrial & Investment Corpn. of Maharshtra Ltd.
5.	Industrial Development Bank of India.
6.	ITC Classic Finance Ltd.
7.	Makaster Telecom. Ltd.
8.	SBI Capital Mkt. Ltd.
9.	Infrastructure Lessing & Finance Services.
10.	Industrial Finance Corpn. of India.
11.	Sundram Finance Ltd.
12.	Katak Mohindra Finance Ltd.
13.	Magma Leasing Ltd.
14.	SREI International Finance Ltd.
15.	Apple Industries Ltd.
16.	Gujarat Lease Financing Ltd.
17.	Ashok Leyland Finance Ltd.
18.	SCICI Ltd.
19.	Alpic Finance.
20.	MMTC
21.	Reliance Capital & F.T. Ltd.
22.	Mekaster Investment (P) Ltd.

NOTE :- Serial Number do not reflect the ranking of the bidders.